

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 14, lines 10-36 of the specification with the following:

FIG. 10 illustrates a modified embodiment of a gearshift mechanism 132 in accordance with the invention. Part of this are again four shift rails 128, 129, 130, 131, to which a shift tower 180 (shift tower assembly) is assigned. The latter has a housing 181, in which a shift lever 182 is pivotably seated by means of a pivot bearing 183. Pressure elements 184, 185 acting below its pivot center can prestress the shift lever 182 toward its center.

Its lower end 186 passes through a blocking and guide plate 187, which for this purpose has a slit 188 extending in the Y-Y direction. The blocking and guide plate itself is guided in such a way that it is only displaceable in the X-X direction, but not in the Y-Y direction. It can have a blocking element 158 at a location distant from the slit 188, which essentially corresponds to the blocking element 58 in FIG. 7.

The shift lever 182 is separately illustrated in FIG. 11. Below a bearing ball 189 it has a wedge section 190, on which the pressure elements 184, 185 (FIG. 11) act. A shift rail selector element 146 with two tongues 147, 148, which are used as selector tongues for the shift rails 128, 129, 130, is embodied below the wedge section 190. These are embodied corresponding to the shift rail 29 in accordance with FIG. 8. The geometric relationships correspond to those described in connection with FIG. 7.

A red-line copy of page 14, lines 10-36 is as follows (with additions in underline and deletions in strike-through):

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pivotably seated by means of a pivot bearing 183. Pressure elements 184, 185 acting below its pivot center can prestress the shift lever 182 toward its center.

Its lower end 186 passes through a blocking and guide plate 187, which for this purpose has a slit 188 extending in the Y-Y direction. The blocking and guide plate itself is guided in such a way that it is only displaceable in the X-X direction, but not in the Y-Y direction. It can have a blocking element 158 at a location distant from the slit 188, which essentially corresponds to the blocking element 58 in FIG. 7.

The shift lever 182 is separately illustrated in FIG. ~~42~~ 11. Below a bearing ball 189 it has a wedge section 190, on which the pressure elements 184, 185 (FIG. 11) act. A shift rail selector element 146 with two tongues 147, 148, which are used as selector tongues for the shift rails 128, 129, 130, is embodied below the wedge section 190. These are embodied corresponding to the shift rail 29 in accordance with FIG. 8. The geometric relationships correspond to those described in connection with FIG. 7.